



Sunday, August 13, 2017

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA—EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE

Great Vespers & Confessions each Saturday at 6 pm – Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am

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Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Aug. 13/July 31 10th Sunday after Pentecost. Forefeast of the Procession of the Precious and Life-giving Cross of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
(Metropolitan Jonah as Guest Celebrant!)

Mon. Aug. 14/Aug. 1 Beginning of the Dormition Fast

Wed. Aug. 16/Aug. 3 Venerables Isaac Dalmatus and Faustus ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery, Constantinople (5th c.)

(Watch this space in September!)

Sat. Aug. 19/Aug. 6 Venerable Anthony of Optina (1865 AD)

Great Vespers & Holy Confessions not offered this week or next Saturday

Sun. Aug. 20/Aug. 7 11th Sunday after Pentecost. Dormition Fast. Martyr Dometius of Persia (363 AD) and two disciples

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Reading of the Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour



The Procession of the Precious & Life-giving Cross of the Lord

Attendance

Great Vespers, 8/5–15

Divine Liturgy, 8/6–62

2017 Finances

The Parish needs \$1588.81 /week to meet budget

<u>Week</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Difference from amount needed</u>
Year-to-date	\$ 49,950.44	- \$ 891.48
July 30	\$991.00	- \$597.81
August 6	\$3,509.00	+ \$1,920.19

Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be

Intercessory Prayer List

Archpriest Alexander requests that you send him to full name and general reason for intercessory prayer (such as health or illness, unemployment, family issues, military deployment to Afghanistan, etc.) for his pastoral care. Only the names of the living (and recently deceased) will be included in the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. He also requests that the faithful who have requested intercessory prayers for various persons let him know when there is no longer a specific need for payer, so that we may keep the list current.

LIVING: Rebecca Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Dsa. Monica Pappas, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Matushka Kathleen Webster, Emma Nicole Parkinson, Veronica Sirko, Kristin Milligan, Donna Colaianni, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, Leonidas Stylianopoulos, Sophia Stylianopoulos, Chad Gallagher, Matushka Cindy Joanna Mitchell, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Presvytera Katherine Baker, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham, 2LT Benjamin Stracquatano, USA (Korea), David Jones (Peace Corps, Ghana), James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Archpriest John Nehrebecki, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Archpriest George Rados, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Glen A. Cooper, Kiernan Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, John Hershey, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka, Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Howard J. Stickle, Larry Terrell, Matushka Larisa Hutnyan, Jackie Leopold, Ellaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Jerry Laxson, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, James Kushiner, Michael Gann, James Scott Jr., Anders Bjorklund, Maria Papademetriou, Peter and Laura Roshak and baby Mark, Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov, Archpriest George Kallaur, Archpriest Paul Ivanov, Christina Spannic, Ksenia Resnikoff, Maximos Andreas Winans, Michelle Duckett, Deacon Nicholas Pappas, Kevin McDonald, Elizabeth Orlovsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

Memory Eternal: Catherine Perme, Rose Marie Webster, Archpriest Mark Gomez

Farewell to Archpriest Alexander

Our Rector for the last six years, Fr. Alexander Webster, will celebrate his final Divine Liturgy next Sunday (August 20) before heading north as newly-appointed Dean of Holy Trinity Seminary (ROCOR) in Jordanville, NY. He would welcome the opportunity to say farewell in person to all of our beloved parishioners.



Registration for Iconography Workshop is Now Due!

If you have not registered for our annual iconography workshop here at St. Herman's, please send it in right away. It promises to be a spirit-filled, time-worthy week as a retreat, while learning and working to complete an icon in the ancient Byzantine-Russian style. We will apply egg tempera and gold leaf to a prepared wooden board. Registration forms and fliers are located in the hall in a folder next to our library door. Please turn them in to Mat. Joanna Laymon.

DATES: Monday, Sept. 11- Sat. Sept. 16

TIMES: 8:30/9:00 – 4:00/5:30 daily

PERSONAL TALENT: none required, as it's a scared endeavor for all skill levels.

THE ICON: Beginning Archangel Michael. For others, based on your experience. (Advanced students will do the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.)

SUPPLIES: Included with tuition.

TOTAL TUITION/SUPPLIES: Based on the icon.

LUNCHESES: Potluck, provided by all, staggered through the week.

HOTEL: discounted rooms available nearby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mat. Joanna Laymon, sttheodosiaconguild@yahoo.com



August meeting of the Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia

It isn't just a meeting to practice.

As we engage in this activity, we, at the same time are learning to perceive God noetically, both individually and in fellowship. Due to hosting our workshop in September, we will not have our regular meeting. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 7th.

Mat. Joanna

"Many years" to the growing Milligan family!

At 11:52 am on Thursday, August 10, Kristin gave birth to her and Joseph's first son: John Theophilus (7lbs 4oz and 20 inches long)! Big sisters Maggie (Anna) and Paisley (Joanna) are delighted to have a little brother.



A profound thanks to those who attended las Sunday's Divine Liturgy and gave so generously to our church's operating budget! Despite such a huge windfall, we are still in the red for this year's expected income. So I have asked the bulletin editors to include Church Warden Joseph Milligan's appeal again this week.

Archpriest Alexander

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has fallen on me to write to you about money.

In the churches where I grew up, it was customary once a year, on Pledge Sunday, to read the lesson of the Widow's Mite for the Gospel... and it was followed with a sermon wherein the pastor would scan those assembled with one eyebrow raised, asking through a frown whether we truly meant to give to the extent that widow gave. I am happy to note that such things don't tend to happen in Orthodox parishes.

Nor do we send entreaties akin to what you see from the political action groups of your preferred flavor, wherein, no matter the cause, certain doom is assured if you don't send a donation today.

However, a frank assessment of our current financial situation is actually somewhat disappointing.

Our Summer attendance is traditionally lower than the rest of the year. That normally results in a financial shortfall. That deficit has always turned black instead of red in the fall - or certainly before the end of the calendar year - when attendance returns to normal. But this summer's attendance has lagged behind 2016 by approximately 10 persons (and by 5 compared to 2015), and we've been pinched harder than expected.

This also comes at a time when we are attempting to budget for a new rector who happens to be a bishop. This brings a new set of challenges.

It's understandable that summer attendance may be low. But please remember that the parish still needs your support, particularly right now.

I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless our parish as He has so far. This isn't a dire situation. But it is a situation that invites us to stop a recurring problem.

Yours in Christ,
Joe Milligan
Parish Warden